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GOVERNMENT OF PUDUCHERRY TRANSPORT SECRETARIAT

(G.O. Ms. No. 16/Tr.Sectt./2015, dated 20th August 2015)

NOTIFICATION

Whereas, taking into consideration the grim road safety scenario, the Government of India, Ministry of Road Transport and Highways, New Delhi has instructed to prepare an action plan for improving road safety in a time bound manner with annual targets and commensurate allocation of resources;

And whereas, in the 14th Meeting of National Road Safety Council (NRSC) held on 7th October 2013 at New Delhi, the NRSC Council has recommended that the States will also take necessary action to designate/ set up a Lead Agency for road safety at various levels with the authority and responsibility to make decisions, control resources and coordinate efforts by all sectors of Government, with adequate finances by way of a Road Safety Fund to use for road safety, and should be publicly accountable for its actions;

And whereas, it is proposed to set up a Road Safety Fund for improving road safety measures and commensurate allocation of resources, out of the proceeds of the spot fine and compounding fee collections of the Transport Department and the Police Department in the Union territory of Puducherry;

Now, therefore, the Lieutenant-Governor, Puducherry is pleased to approve setting up of Road Safety Fund in the Union territory of Puducherry and for the said purpose, hereby makes the Puducherry Road Safety Fund Rules, 2015 for implementation in the Union territory of Puducherry, as appended to this notification.

This issues with the concurrence of the Finance Department *vide* their U.O. No. 3487/F.5/A1/14-15, dated 13-3-2015.

APPENDIX

THE PUDUCHERRY ROAD SAFETY FUND RULES-2015

(1) *Short title and commencement.*— (a) These rules may be called The Puducherry Road Safety Fund Rules, 2015.

(b) These rules shall extend to the whole of the Union territory of Puducherry.

(c) They shall come into force on the date of their publication in the official gazette.

(2) *Definitions.*— In these rules, unless the context otherwise requires,—

(a) 'Fund' means the Puducherry Road Safety Fund;

(b) 'Year' means financial year;

(c) 'Committee' means "Inter-Departmental Executive Committee";
and

(d) 'Government' means the Administrator of the Union territory of Puducherry appointed by the President of India under Article 239 of the Constitution.

(3) *Objective.*— (i) To set up the Puducherry Road Safety Fund for improving of road safety measures in the Union territory of Puducherry and commensurate allocation of resources.

(ii) To establish a dedicated agency *viz.*, Inter-Departmental Executive Committee to oversee the issues related to road safety and evolve effective strategies for implementation of road safety measures.

(4) *Constitution.*— The fund shall be constituted out of the proceeds of the spot fine and compounding fee collections of the Transport Department and Police Department, Puducherry.

(5) *Administration of the fund.*— (a) The fund shall be administered by an Inter-Departmental Executive Committee consisting of the following officials:

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| 1. Secretary (Transport) | .. Chairman |
| 2. The Inspector-General/Deputy Inspector-General of Police, Puducherry. | .. Member |
| 3. Director, Local Administration Department | .. Member |
| 4. Chief Engineer, Public Works Department | .. Member |
| 5. Director, Directorate of Health and Family Welfare Services. | .. Member |
| 6. Chief Town Planner, Puducherry | .. Member |
| 7. Senior Superintendent of Police(Traffic), Puducherry. | .. Member |
| 8. Executive Engineer (National Highways) | .. Member |
| 9. Transport Commissioner, Puducherry | .. Member-Secretary. |

(b) The Inter-Departmental Committee shall meet once in three months or even earlier to process the pending applications for assistance and oversee connected related issues relating to road safety.

(c) The quorum of the committee shall be five.

(6) *Procedure.*— (i) Requests for financial assistance along with the estimate shall be sent to the Member-Secretary of the committee, who will process the same and place before the committee for approval.

(ii) On approval of the committee, the Member-Secretary will issue necessary proceedings.

(iii) The Director, Directorate of Accounts and Treasuries, Puducherry shall open an ESCROW account for this purpose and maintain the fund collected from the proceeds.

(iv) Based on the proceedings and necessary bills submitted, the Member-Secretary shall effect payments to the departments concerned from the fund. Any financial gap shall be met from the Grants/ Budgetary provisions of the department concerned.

(v) The user department shall start the work immediately and send a completion report within three months, the Member-Secretary will place such reports for the information of the committee.

(7) *Projects that qualify for assistance.*— (i) Survey, installation and maintenance of road traffic signals/blinkers at inter-sections in the city.

(ii) Road marking, installation of traffic signs, cats-eye and reflectors, etc.

(iii) Purchase of barricades, cones and other traffic equipments.

(iv) Establishment of traffic education parks.

(v) Preparing literature and educational materials such as road signs charts, traffic rules and safe driving, etc., for distribution among public including children.

(vi) Preparing and screening of short films on road safety on TV channels and in various educational institutions.

(vii) Preparing slides on traffic rules and their public screening.

(viii) To put up hoardings and release advertisements in newspapers on traffic rules and road safety.

(ix) To organize painting, essay writing, debate and competitions, etc., on traffic rules/regulations.

(x) Purchase/Maintenance of computers for traffic data analysis.

(xi) Purchase of video projection system and VCRs and video cameras.

(xii) Organize permanent road safety exhibition.

(xiii) To organize Road Safety Week every year.

(xiv) To organize seminars, workshops and training, etc., on road safety measures.

(xv) Purchase of devices to check over speeding drunkenness, etc.

(xvi) Purchase of equipments for electronic monitoring of traffic and detection of offenders.

(xvii) Collection and analysis of statistics relating to road accidents.

(xviii) Studies to identify the causes for road accidents, identify accident prone spots and recommend remedial measures.

(xix) Preparation of integrated action plan for road safety for specific towns/cities, implementing of engineering measure to improve road geometric and inter-sections to reduce accidents.

(xx) Improvement of lighting at road junctions.

(xxi) Preparation of books, audio, visual and other instructional material and organize training for drivers, traffic police, para medical personnel and different classes of road users.

(xxii) Purchase of wreckers and other equipments to clear accident sites quickly.

(xxiii) Purchase of wireless and other equipments to regulate traffic and advise drivers in advance about road blocks due to accidents, floods, road damages, or other causes.

(xxiv) Purchase of patrol vehicles and other vehicles specially designed for road safety work.

(xxv) Purchase of Ambulance and equipments for speedy movements and Trauma Care of Accident Victims.

(xxvi) Provision of Secretariat and other infrastructural services for the Road Safety Commissioner.

(xxvii) Any other special project that the committee considers necessary and a report on this shall be submitted to the Government by the committee.

(8) *Audit.*— The fund shall be audited once in a year by the Accountant-General and the report on this shall be submitted to the Government by the committee.

(9) *Removal of doubts.*— If any doubt arises interpretation of these rules, the decision of the Government shall be final.

(By order of the Lieutenant-Governor)

S.D. SUNDARESAN,
Additional Secretary to Government (Transport).

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